

British Budget Goes Through

Sugar Prices Expected to Soar -- Maori Tribes Entertain Prince of Wales--San Remo Conference Ends With Differences Settled--Mexico Has Another Military Revolt--Sinn Feiners Establish Trial Courts.

CHAMBERLAIN BUDGET CARRIED.

LONDON, April 29. Austen Chamberlain has carried the whole of his budget proposals. Motions for the rejection of an increase in excess profits duty and the Corporation tax were defeated in the House of Commons last night by a vote of 287 to 75.

SUGAR TO SOAR.

OTTAWA, April 29. There is every prospect of an early and considerable increase in the price of sugar, it was announced to-day by a man closely in touch with the market. The present price, high as it is, is based on the former cost price of the raw material in Cuba.

A PICTURESQUE RECEPTION.

ROTORUA, N.Z., April 29. The picturesque celebration arranged by the Maori tribesmen, enemies of the British in the Maori war, in honor of the Prince of Wales, on the shores of Rotorua Lake, to-day, furnished one of the striking features of the Prince's tour. A thousand native warriors, clad only in loin clothes and armed with spears, performed fierce war dances, while a thousand graceful Maori maidens, in brilliant Maori costumes, in their languorous dances to the accompaniment of soft, native music. The strike of locomotive engineers and firemen continues, and the Prince with his party has arranged to return to Auckland to-night instead of continuing to Wellington by motor.

A CURIOUS SITUATION.

DUBLIN, April 29. It is stated that six persons, arrested early on Sunday morning, on Mill Street, Cork, on suspicion of being implicated in the holdup of bank officials last November when eighteen thousand pounds sterling was stolen, were tried by a Sinn Fein court and found guilty. Following

the trial, representatives of the Republican army on Tuesday visited the Munster and Leinster Bank at Cork and also the National Bank, and offered to hand over the prisoners and furnish evidence of their guilt under certain conditions. The bank officials, it is said, refused these conditions or to deal with the situation except through constituted authorities.

GONZALES TROOPS REVOLT.

JUAREZ, April 29. Troops of Salina Cruse, commanded by General Gonzales, have revolted and taken possession of the port, one of the most important on the Isthmus according to a report received here last night.

POLES, BUT NOT PATRIOTS.

WARSAW, April 29. A state of seige has been declared in Posen and that region, as a result of fighting between the police and strikers. An unconfirmed report says that a number of persons have been killed or wounded. The despatch says that crowds cheered Germany, and that German flags were flown.

THE GERMAN PLAN FAILED.

BRESLAU, April 29. The German authorities announced the discovery of an alleged Polish plan for the military occupation of upper Silesia and German territory to the north and east of that district.

HUNGER STRIKES FOR WORMWOOD SCRUBBS.

BELFAST, April 29. Sixty hunger strikers were transferred last night from Belfast jail to destroyers for conveyance to England. It is believed they will be lodged in Wormwood Scrubbs prison.

MOTOR ENGINE TRAGEDY.

PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., April 29. With a steel spike, which he had

used in starting the gas engine in his boat, driven through his head, the body of Charles S. Hess, fisherman, was found to-day on board his boat. It is believed that the engine back-fired when Hess attempted to start her.

JAPANESE OCCUPY SAGHALION.

TOKIO, April 29. A Japanese force, on its way to the relief of the Nikolaevsk district in Eastern Siberia, occupied the northern section of Saghalien Island (Russian territory) unopposed, it was announced in a War Office communication to-day.

HEAD-ON COLLISION.

SANBORN, Minn., April 29. Five persons were killed and twelve injured when passenger trains Nos. 516 and 517 on the Chicago and Northwestern railway met in a head-on collision near here early to-day. The accident was said to have been caused by misinterpretation of orders. Four cars were wrecked and both engines.

THREE CENT PAPERS FOR PARIS.

PARIS, April 25. Newspaper proprietors of this city have decided unanimously to advance the price of dailies from ten to fifteen centimes, effective May 1st.

SAN REMO CONFERENCE SATISFACTORY.

LONDON, April 29. Premier Lloyd George, speaking in the House of Commons to-day, on the subject of the recent Allied conference at San Remo, said that before the conference there had been some misunderstandings, serious enough in themselves, but made grave by the deliberate fomenting on the part of very reckless persons. "But," continued the Premier, "I am very glad to say that the sky is once more clear. So far as I can see everyone is gratified and satisfied at what happened at San Remo." The Premier declared that the conference had been the most remarkable one in every respect held since the armistice. There never had been such a conference as regarded the satisfaction, with agreement by all the parties concerned, or the happiness, which it has been able to bring about. The conference, declared the Premier, dispelled all suspicions that the Treaty of Versailles was not to be enforced. There had been no difference of opinion between the Allies as to enforcement of the treaty. A misunderstanding arose, he declared, over questions as to who should put down the disturbance in Ruhr, which threatened the peace not only of Germany, but of Europe. The French thought it ought to be suppressed by the Allies, the Premier asserted, but all others believed it should be left to the Germans. This difference had been settled, Mr. Lloyd George said, and the Germans informed that at the moment German troops in Ruhr were reduced to the proportion fixed by the Allies last August, the French troops would be withdrawn from Frankfurt and Darmstadt. The misunderstanding of France concerning Great Britain's intentions regarding the revision of the Treaty had been removed. He claimed that he had made it clear that Great Britain did not desire a revision of the Treaty which must be made the basis of the policy of the Allies and that Great Britain would act with France and other Allies in its enforcement. Great Britain had also made it clear that she would not give sanction to any policy of annexation by France in Germany. It was impossible, he declared, to have another Alsace Lorraine. Such a policy had been advocated by some powerful personages and journalists in France. I need hardly assure the House, Lloyd George said, that Premier Millerand and his associates readily and sincerely gave the assurance that the vast majority of the people of France were just as much opposed to a policy of that kind as the people of Great Britain. I attach enormous importance to that. Another misunderstanding that had been removed was that on the part of the French, who, no doubt, thought that Great Britain did not mean to enforce the Treaty with regard to reparation and disarmament. There was no difference of opinion on disarmament, Lloyd George said, but when it came to ordering disarmament, there was no one in Germany who seemed to have the

power to enforce the decree, and that was one of the greatest difficulties the Allies had to face.

Strange Freaks and Feats of Dancers.

Dances have been held in many strange places, but seldom under more uncanny and weird conditions than that in celebration of the opening of a new town morgue, in Idaho, some time ago.

Coffins were arranged to form seats and tables for purposes of refreshment. A tempting display of cold meats was arranged on the slabs intended for more gruesome purposes; coffin-plates were utilised for crockery, and coffee was drunk from tins designed to contain embalming fluid.

Dancing was kept up in this strange environment until the early hours of the morning; and the dancers, numbering thirty couples, vowed they had never enjoyed themselves so much.

To a recent entertainment provided by a leader of American society the guests travelled in auto-hearers, and the reception-room were filled with spectral beings shrouded from head to foot in white. Tiny toy skeletons served as favours; prominent among other weird decorations were gleaming skulls, from whose orbits green electric lights glowed; while an Eastern palmist foretold the future of the guests under a canopy of cross-bones.

Fairy Scenes in a Salt Mine. The stroke of midnight was the signal for a wild ghost-dance to the accompaniment of clanking chains; and then, presto! in a moment the garments of death were cast off; the women appeared in all the splendour of gay gowns and flashing gems, and the men in evening clothes.

The salt-mine at Wieliczka has been the scene of some of the most charming dances ever held. A thousand feet below the surface of the earth stands miles of galleries and vaulted chambers supported by massive pillars, all studded with the "diamonds of the rock salt" and dazzling in their brilliancy and beauty.

In these chambers, with the crystal walls and pillars flashing back hundreds of lights in all the colours of the rainbow, the scene is of almost unnatural beauty; and when to this fairy scene is added the kaleidoscope of hundreds of figures in many-hued costumes moving in the mazes of the mine, it is easy to imagine that no more dazzling spectacle ever greeted the eyes of man.

Bride Who Had 117 Partners. Less beautiful, but distinctly novel, was a dance given some time ago by the proprietors of a coal-mine near St. Etienne. The guests were taken down two thousand feet into the bowels of the earth, and the dance was held in a large chamber, the grim walls of which were festooned with coloured lights, which transformed it into a veritable hall of the fairies.

Among remarkable dances is one given to celebrate a Polish wedding. Dancing commenced on Saturday evening, and continued, without intermission, for thirty-six hours, until Monday morning.

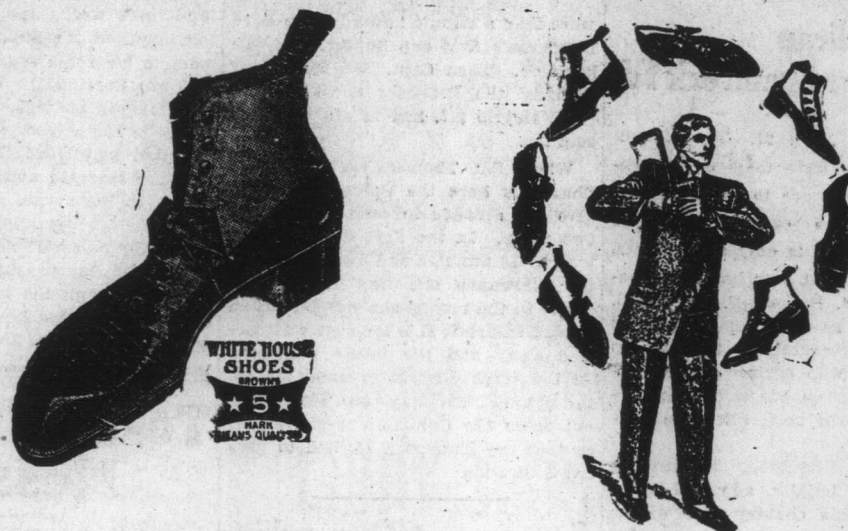
In accordance with Polish etiquette, the bride was expected to dance with every male guest present, and as the men numbered one hundred and seventeen, and the bride danced with each of them, pausing only for the briefest refreshments, her feat was of almost superhuman endurance. During the thirty-six hours, this energetic young lady covered a distance of no less than forty miles, and at the end of her record dance declared she was "quite ready to begin again."—Pearson's Weekly.

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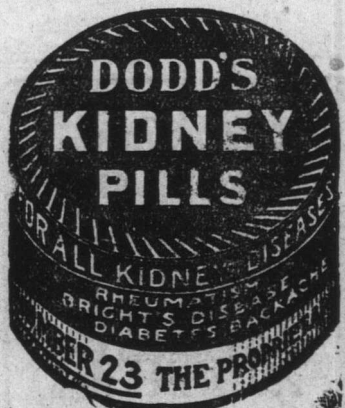
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Bagdad's Change of Dress.

The war has wrought a wonderful change in the people of Bagdad, not the least of which is their change of dress, according to the Times of India, which says: "In Bagdad to-day the young bloods are showing a desire to adopt European dress. We cannot imagine why anyone should want to discard the picturesque Arab headress in exchange for a hillycock hat, but there is no accounting for taste. Relief at getting rid of Turkish misrule had presumably to be celebrated in some way or other, and the acquisition of a new suit of clothes, even if they are ready-made reach-me-downs, is undoubtedly an event which would appeal to the nut of Bagdad who, like nuts all over the world, wants to be unlike his elders."

AT THE BALSAM.—The following are guests at Balsam Place:—Mrs. S. E. Pinsent, Clarke's Beach; Mrs. T. LeDrew, Cupids; A. LeGrow, Broad Cove; G. Boyle, Carbonear; J. P. Haliburton, Bonne Bay; Miss M. Good-year, Ottawa; Miss L. Thompson, Hr. Grace; L. Redmond, New York; Miss M. Jeffrey, Whitbourne.

How Did It Plan Out?

Rev. F. W. Hollinrake, pastor of Barton St. Methodist church, Marmilton, Ontario, who recently announced that he had decided to sever his connection with the Methodist body, has accepted the pastorate of Ebenezer Tabernacle in the same city, on the understanding that he is not to receive any fixed salary, but that collection plates will be at the doors of the church to receive any individual toward his salary. Ebenezer church is independent of any other church organization.

Fads and Fashions.

Plain and striped materials used together are favored. Long white scarfs are in great favor for sports uses. Attractive coat suits are trimmed with elaborate stitching. Hand-made blouses have long collars and panel fronts. Sleeves and necks are being finished with treated frills. Dancing frocks for young girls show many ribbon sashes. Instead of pure white, linen color is used for collars and cuffs. Lots of dresses are made with full tunics in contrasting colors. Long necklaces of heavy, brilliant beads are worn with dark costumes. Frocks of tissue gingham have biblike collars of sheer organdie.

J. C. Gould, M.P., who is the head of one of England's greatest shipping corporations, began commercial life as an office boy in Cardiff, which he now represents in Parliament. He was an ordinary seaman in the South African trade. He learned the insurance business in America. The war interested him in shipping. He has made 1,000,000 pounds sterling in four years.

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